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For: Method of fabricating a membrane-electrode assembly

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313–1450

## REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is a reply to the non–final Office Action of December 17, 2008. Please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.